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Governor Napolitano Reappoints 3 Commissioners and 1 New Member

Governor Janet Napolitano has reappointed **Virginia Cárdenas** of Chandler as the chair for the Commission, as well as **Victoria Cummiskey** of Phoenix and **William Shephard** of Phoenix. The governor also appointed **Stella Pope Duarte** of Phoenix as a new Commission member.

Virginia Cárdenas (Chandler) is an intervention assistant at Chandler High School, and has a distinguished record of serving the community and arts as a board member of Xicanindio Artes, Inc.; commissioner for Housing and Human Services in Chandler, and the Arizona Commission on the Arts since 2000. Ms. Cardenas received the Community Involvement Award from Chicanos Por La Causa in 1999.

Victoria Cummiskey (Phoenix) is a Public Affairs Representative in International Relations at Salt River Project. She serves on the Board of Directors for the World Affairs Council, and serves as a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Character Education and the Junior League of Phoenix. Cummiskey also has served on the Board of Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County and the Fiesta Bowl Host Committee.

Stella Pope Duarte (Phoenix) is an author, educator, and community activist whose work has won honors and awards nationwide; she also is a motivational speaker, addressing audiences of all ages on topics related to her work, as well as on issues related to culture, literacy, writing, and storytelling.

William Sheppard (Phoenix) is a partner with Gammage & Burnham and has authored numerous publications on Arizona business law. He is on the board of directors of the Arizona Citizens for the Arts, and is the Vice-Chairman of Arizona Advocates for the Arts. He is a former Chair of the Phoenix Arts Commission as well as The Arizona Theatre Company, and was a cofounder of the AIDS Project Arizona.

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